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adhere to the same standards as the public school teacher, to teach in Nebraska. The...there's been a lot of talk about the state funds that would fund this program. Those are supplied by taxpayers, many of whom utilize the private system instead of or in addition to the public system. I know many families who have children in both public and private schools. So let's remember the source of the funds are the taxpayers, who utilize both systems. I think if you ask most taxpayers, they would say, yes, we have one education system with public and private schools in it. Finally, the word "scattergun" has been used a couple of times and I just want to say I've given this issue a lot of thought, this issue, specifically, master teacher, and the whole broad picture of what can we do for teachers, what can we do for schools that are facing financial challenges. So I don't...I'm not going to accept that term, "scattergun". I explained at the outset of my remarks the reason I filed this amendment today is because this is a program that already exists in law, as opposed to LB 305, which consists of new proposals. So I think it's legitimate to take this one and deal with it separately as a budget item, like we're doing now. So let me just conclude by urging my colleagues to...to vote for this amendment and keep the promise that we've made to Nebraska's teachers to reward those who achieve a certain level of professional excellence. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. The question is the adoption of AM1721 to LB 543. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. The question is, shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would members please return to the Chamber and record your presence; the house is under call. Voting on AM1721, and Senator Maxwell has authorized call-in votes. Senator Landis, request for a roll call vote in reverse order. The house is under call. The house is under call. Would members please return to the Chamber and